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NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

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Applicable Section: Sec. 29(2)

To: Shusaku YAMAMOTO, Patent Attorney

The present application is rejected for the following reasons. Any argument must be submitted within 3 months from the mailing date of this document.

REASONS

The following claims of the present application are rejected under Sec. 29(2) of the Japanese Patent Law as being obvious to those skilled in the art over the following cited references published in Japan or in a foreign country prior to the filing of the present application.

NOTES (See List of Cited References)

Claims: 1 through 25

Cited references: 1 and 2

Remarks:

In a technology which utilizes a scanning mechanism, preventing adverse effects produced by the variations in the

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scan velocity is a conventionally well known problem. Specifically, cited reference 1 describes that it is required to maintain the scan velocity uniform while scanning a plurality of capillaries in technology for optically detecting electrophoresis samples (specifically, refer to column 6, lines 23 through 40).

As a specific method of preventing adverse effects produced by the variations in the scan velocity, cited reference 2 describes dividing the output value which results from scanning by the scan velocity.

It is well known to (i) employ an electrophoresis lane made of a slab gel, (ii) structure the scanning mechanism using a stepper motor, and (iii) subtract the value corresponding to the offset value from the measurement value.

Therefore, claims 1 through 25 of the present application would have been obvious for those skilled in the art in view of cited references 1 and 2.

List of Cited References

1. United States Patent No. 5483075
2. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 61-089765

Record of search for prior art documents

*Classes searched: IPC, 7th edition G01N21/00-21/74

*Prior art documents discovered during the search but not relied upon:

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-94743

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The documents cited in the above record of a search for prior art documents do not form the basis of the reasons for rejection.